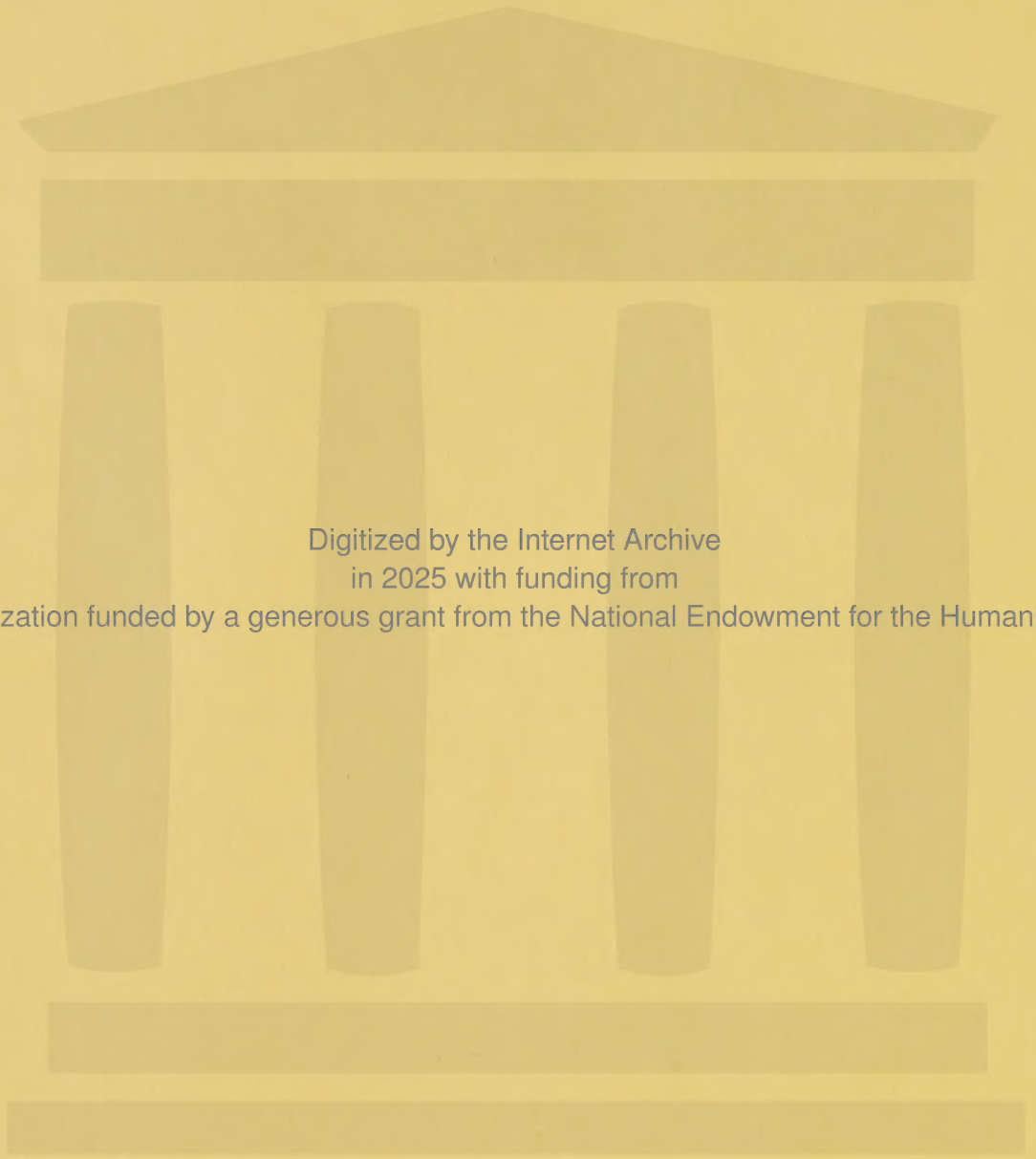

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December 30, 1975

Mrs. Evie M. Washington, Outside Coordinator
Near Northeast Community Improvement Corporation
1125 H Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mrs. Washington:

The evening Council legislative session prevented my attending the program to hear the Lorton Voices on December 16th. The members are to be congratulated for their splendid endeavor.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilman at Large

December 30, 1975

Honorable Douglas E. Moore
The District Building
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Doug:

Tina and I regret we were unable to attend the reception given in your honor on December 5th. Please add our congratulations to the many you have received.

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December 30, 1975

Ms. Ellyn W. Swanson, President
League of Women Voters of the
District of Columbia
Room 730 Dupont Circle Building
1346 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Ms. Swanson:

Thank you for your letter submitting the names of four persons whom the League considers well qualified for membership on the proposed Commission on Tax Reform.

I will certainly give consideration to each of them as the council considers the commission.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilmember at large

STATEMENT BY COUNCILMAN JULIUS W. HOBSON (STATEHOOD AT LARGE) INTRODUCING THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATEHOOD ACT AT THE 38th LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF THE COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 16, 1975 AT 7:30 P.M.

Tonight, I am introducing the District of Columbia Statehood Act.

The purpose of this act is to provide a process for the District of Columbia to be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the other states. Specifically, this bill states that one hundred twenty (120) days after the effective date of the act the Mayor is directed to conduct a referendum on the issue of statehood and hold an election for delegates to represent the voters at a constitutional convention.

Statehood for the District is not a radical or new concept; 50 states have already been admitted. The present home rule with its congressional veto is not self-determination. The local government can be free only to the extent that it does not alienate either Congress or the President. As a state, the District would avoid such pitfalls and would have the final say in the management of its affairs. It would not infringe upon federal perogatives since a non residential federal enclave is clearly spelled out in this bill, and the United States government would maintain its control over that area. Unlike a constitutional amendment, which would grant D.C. national representation in Congress, statehood could not be revoked. It would, by a simple majority vote of Congress, permit the District of Columbia with its three-quarter million residents, to join the Union as a sovereign state with full rights and representation and avoid the cumbersome and lengthy process of ratification which a constitutional amendment would require.

Changes in our local government that take place under the present home rule structure are only colonial reforms.

Statehood for the District of Columbia would not guarantee a successful future; it would only make it possible.

Chairman Sterling Tucker, Councilmen David Clarke, Marion Barry and John Wilson have joined me in co-sponsoring this act. I invite my other colleagues to join us and give this historic act our unanimous sponsorship.

STATEMENT OF JULIUS W. HOBSON INTRODUCING
"YOUTH SERVICES TASK FORCE RESOLUTION"

December 16, 1975

Tonight I am introducing the "Youth Services Task Force Resolution," which would establish a citizen panel to evaluate the youth programs in the city, especially the operations of the Office of Youth Opportunity Services and the Neighborhood Planning Councils. The purpose of the task force is to analyze the Office of Youth Opportunity Services' policies and programs. The establishment of a Youth Services Task Force is only a first step towards a thorough analysis of the youth crisis in this city. Initial attention is focused on the Office of Youth Opportunity Services because it serves as the Mayor's coordinating link for city-wide youth services.

The Office of Youth Opportunity Services has been in existence for over five years; it was established by executive order of an appointed Commissioner, not by legislative action of an elected body of officials. Created by then-Commissioner Washington in March 1970, the Office of Youth Opportunity Services was designed to serve as a planning and coordinating agency, as well as a source for demonstration and special city-wide youth programs - especially those which provided youth employment opportunities.

The task force would have eleven members, including youth representatives. In order to assure a fair and representative body, the resolution calls for appointments to be made by the Mayor, the President of the Board of Education, Chairman of the City Council, and the Committee on Education, Recreation, and Youth Affairs. The Task Force would have access to any department or agency of the District of Columbia which has information pertinent to their review of youth services.

I am firmly convinced that we must begin to come to grips with youth problems, rather than continuing the tradition of lip services to their needs. When I see the massive unemployment among our youth, especially black males, and the increasing involvement of our youth with the juvenile justice system, I am determined to question all of the current youth policies and programs in the District of Columbia.

Council of the District of Columbia
News Release

City Hall, 14th and E Streets, N.W. Fifth Floor 638-2223 or Government Code 137-3806

FOR RELEASE DECEMBER 13, 1975 AT 9:30 A.M.

HOBSON TO INTRODUCE THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATEHOOD ACT

Councilman Julius W. Hobson (Statehood-at-Large) announced today at a press conference held outside the District Building that he is introducing the District of Columbia Statehood Act at the legislative session of the Council on December 16, 1975 at 7:30 P.M.

"The purpose of the act is to provide a process for the District of Columbia to be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the other states. Specifically, the bill states that one hundred twenty (120) days after the effective date of the act the Mayor is directed to conduct a referendum on the issue of statehood and hold an election for delegates to represent the voters at a constitutional convention.

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Changes in our local government that take place under the present home rule structure are only colonial reforms. Half freedom is half slavery, and we should not accept it. Partial self-government is no answer. Equality is not divisible.

Statehood for the District of Columbia, would not guarantee or a successful future; it would only make it possible."

For further information, contact: David Smith
638-2223, ext. 73

December 11, 1975

District of Columbia Legislative Reporter
Suite 102
1625 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Sir:

On page II-B-19 of your December 8th edition of the District of Columbia Legislative Reporter you indicated that Councilman Rev. Jerry Moore introduced the "Prior Sexual Conduct Act of 1975" on December 2, 1975. Please note for your records that it was Councilman Julius W. Hobson who introduced this piece of legislation and that Councilman Rev. Jerry Moore was a co-sponsor.

I would appreciate it very much if you would send out, immediately, a correction and also make a note of this correction in your next edition.

Sincerely,

Paul Sanders Brown
Executive Assistant to
Councilman Julius Hobson

Council of the District of Columbia
Memorandum

City Hall, 14th and E Streets, N.W. 20004 Fifth Floor 638-2223 or Government Code 137-3806

To Rev. Douglass E. Moore, Chairman, Committee on the Budget

From Julius W. Hobson, Chairman, Committee on Education, Recreation, and Youth Affairs

Date 11 December 1975

Subject Hearing for FY 1977 Budget

I have reviewed the proposed schedule for public hearings on the FY 1977 Budget. I will accept January 26, 1976 as the date for hearings by the Committee on Education, Recreation, and Youth Affairs. The listing of agencies under the purview of the committee is correct. The contact person on my staff who will compile the witness list is Ms. Lorraine McCottry, 638-2223, Extension 72.

cc: Committee on Education, Recreation, and Youth Affairs
Ms. Pat Miner

Robert Williams, Secretary to the Council

Julius Hobson, Councilman at Large

December 10, 1975

Item for Legislative Agenda

Please place the attached bill "District of Columbia Statehood Act," on the agenda for introduction at the next legislative session.

Attachment

Council of the District of Columbia
Memorandum

City Hall, 14th and E Streets, N.W. 20004 Fifth Floor 638-2223 or Government Code 137-3806

To Robert Williams, Secretary to the Council

From Pat Miner, Committee Clerk, Committee on Education, Recreation and Youth Affairs

Date December 10, 1975

Subject Item for Legislative Agenda

Please place the attached resolution "Youth Services Task Force Resolution of 1975," on the agenda for introduction at the next legislative session.

December 9, 1975

Ms. Cathleen Hegy
Department of Sociology
The American University
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Ms. Hegy:

I am giving Mr. Frank Hoover a grade of B+ for Course 65.596 Section 1, entitled Law and Social Problems which I taught at The American University during the Spring semester 1974.

Please see that this is recorded properly with the Registrar.

Sincerely,

JULIUS W. HOBSON
Councilman at Large

cc: Mr. Hoover

December 8, 1975

Honorable Willie J. Hardy
5046 Benning Road, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20019

Dear Willie:

We were very saddened to hear of your sister's sudden death.

Please accept our heartfelt sympathy.

Sincerely,

Tina and Julius Hobson

Council of the District of Columbia
Memorandum

City Hall, 14th and E Streets, N.W. 20004 Fifth Floor 638-2223 or Government Code 137-3806

To: Rev. Douglass E. Moore, Chairman, Committee on the Budget

From: Julius W. Hobson, Chairman, Committee on Education, Recreation, and Youth Affairs

Date: December 8, 1975

Subject: FY 1976 Budget Amendments, Bill 1-210

I strenuously object to any reduction of the funds for the Public Schools of the District of Columbia. According to the actions approved by the Committee on the Budget at its meetings on November 26 and 28, and December 1, 2, and 3, 1975, the FY 1976 budget level for the D.C. Public Schools may be reduced by $410,600. Earlier Council action on the FY 1976 budget required the schools to reduce their budget by $8.9 million from the level requested in the Mayor's submission; a further reduction in the schools' budget is totally unwarranted.

I understand that, in its consideration of the Mayor's Budget Amendment, the original posture of the Committee on the Budget was to maintain the baseline of the budget at the citywide level earlier approved by the Council. Since several agencies received increases, and since a large number of the cuts proposed for other agencies were restored, it is prejudicial and capricious to require that the public schools accept any further decreases.

I propose that the FY 1976 budget for the D.C. Public Schools remain at the Council approved level of $200,646,600 and, furthermore, that any future budgetary reductions be referred to the substantive committees for consideration and comment prior to the Budget Committee's markup.

cc: Committee on Education, Recreation, and Youth Affairs
Councilmembers

December 5, 1975

Mr. Stephen W. Burks
Assistant Professor of Political Science
The George Washington University
2201 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Dear Mr. Burks:

I am writing with regard to Mrs. Ann "Misty" Scott who is serving her Senior Internship as a legislative assistant in my office. The general quality of her work has been excellent and she has been more than conscientious in maintaining her 15-20 hour work week schedule.

Mrs. Scott's first specific task was to research and develop legislation in the area of evidentiary disclosures in rape cases. She completed her assignment and the bill was introduced before the City Council on December 2, 1972. (A copy of the bill and information packet that she developed is enclosed.) Her work was instrumental in getting this bill introduced.

She plays a valuable role in the organization of this office and I am more than satisfied with her performance.

Sincerely,

JULIUS W. HOBSON
Councilman-at-Large

Enclosure

Mr. Hobson

Lorraine

December 5, 1975

Christmas Vacation Schedule

SANDY BROWN

December 22 - 23

DAVID SMITH

December 15 - 16 - 17 - 26

LORRAINE McCOTTRY

December 17
December 22 - Jan. 2 *

*/Will cover office on Dec. 22/23 while Sandy is out of town/

PAT MINER

December 26
January 2

LOU ARONICA

December 26

ALICE [redacted]

December 24 - 26

Council of the District of Columbia
Memorandum

City Hall, 14th and E Streets, N.W. Fifth Floor 638-2223 or Government Code 137-3806

To ALL STAFF

From Julius W. Hobson JWH

Date December 3, 1975

Subject Preparing Legislation for Introduction -- Office Procedure

In preparing a bill or resolution for introduction to the Council we should make sure we include the following steps:

1. Locate examples of what other states have enacted in the particular area we are working on or obtain "model"legislation. In many cases the legislative language of a superior bill from another state (i.e. Minn. smoking bill) has already been laid out and can be directly applied to the District of Columbia. It will save time since the language has been drafted. The National League of Cities on 1620 Eye Street, N.W. has an extensive legislative library that contains many examples of what other cities have enacted in various areas as well as model legislation and may be a good place to start.

2. Locate organizations (either professional or citizen) which have an interest in the issue on which you are drafting legislation. (Lorraine has a book, entitled Washington III, that lists practically all the professional organizations that have offices in D.C.) Work with at least one group on the initial draft--such groups may have further information or contacts which may be of help. If possible, suggest that the organization most directly affected assume responsibility for drafting the legislation (i.e. D.C. Retired Teachers) and you coordinate/supervise.

3. While drafting a piece of legislation, make sure to have a lawyer read over what you have done to see that it is legally sufficient. The Legislative Counsel, Mike Senger, or the General Counsel, Ed Webb, can do this. Because of possible delays in-house, however, it may be better to have a lawyer from the relevant citizen group (or from the group which has the greatest interest in the legislation) to review the draft if possible.

4. After completing a first draft (if time permits) circulate copies to interested citizens and professional groups and organizations asking for their comments and suggestions as well as their support. If they support the legislation get a commitment from them to testify in support of the legislation when it comes up for mark-up sessions and Committee hearings.

Maintain a working list of supporters in the card file maintained by Sandy (including a special press list) in order to facilitate your getting in contact with them when a hearing or mark-up session is scheduled.

5. When the bill or resolution is ready for my first review prepare a draft packet (information explaining and supporting the legislation) to distribute to the Councilmembers and to the press. In the packet include a draft press release summarizing the highlights of the bill, a draft background report with more detail, and supporting documentation such as press articles and reports, etc.

6. There are two ways to introduce legislation.

   Recommend how you wish the bill/resolution to be introduced and why.

   a. It can be filed with the Secretary to the Council for introduction. The Secretary in turn, records the legislation in his log, which is read at the next legislative session. (Legislation must be filed by the Friday prior to the Tuesday meeting in order to be read at the legislative session.)

   b. It can be placed on the legislative agenda and introduced in a more formal manner by a Councilmember at a legislative session of the Council. Note the Wednesday deadline (prior to the Tuesday meeting) for placing items on the legislative agenda.

7. Prepare a final copy of the bill or resolution and information packets for review by me one week before introduction and distribute three or four days before the legislative session to:

   Councilmembers
   Newspaper press
   Television stations
   Neighborhood/special interest publications
   Interested Individuals and Organizations

8. Sandy Brown will be responsible for coordinating this process -- please direct questions to him when I am out of the office and keep him informed at all times.

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20004

JULIUS W. HOBSON
Councilman at Large

Dear

The Council of the District of Columbia is presently considering the approval of $9.6 million for a resource recovery facility based on a study done by the National Center for Resource Recovery (NCRR) prior to the elected City Council. Because of a number of reservations about the project itself and the way the contract for the feasibility study was assigned, I introduced a resolution disapproving the expenditure of the $9.6 million on October 7, 1975, and called on the District Government to competitively select an experienced energy recovery consultant to locate a firm market and only then to competitively design and construct a resource recovery facility tailored to meet the needs of that energy market.

There will be a number of important meetings related to this issue during the next several weeks. I hope interested organizations and individuals will plan to make their views known at these sessions and discuss whether the City should competively design a resource recovery system (as called for in the Resource Recovery Disapproval Resolution), support modifications in the present plan, or support the existing plan. I am enclosing some recent material which may be helpful in the development of a presentation.

The first meeting of the Budget Committee to consider the Resource Recovery Disapproval Resolution will tentatively be on Wednesday, December 3, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 503 of the District Building. If you would like to request five minutes to present your views (or submit them in writing) please contact my Executive Assistant, Paul "Sandy" Brown at 638-2223. We will keep you informed of future meetings.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Julius W. Hobson
Councilmember at Large

Enclosures

December 2, 1975

Mrs. Rotraud M. Perry
5272 River Road, Suite 690
Washington, D.C. 20016

Dear Mrs. Perry:

Enclosed is a copy of the "Prior Sexual Conduct Evidence Act of 1975" that Mr. Hobson introduced before the City Council today, as well as some background information.

We appreciate your comments and suggestions in drafting this legislation and hope you will be able to comment on the bill when the Committee on the Judiciary holds public hearings.

Thanks again for your help and we will stay in touch.

Sincerely,

Paul Sanders Brown
Executive Assistant

Enclosure

December 2, 1975

Ms. Mary Ann Largen
National Rape Task Force
5208 8th Road, Apt. 523-B
Arlington, Virginia 22204

Dear Ms. Largen:

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STATEMENT BY JULIUS W. HOBSON

Today I am introducing the "Prior Sexual Conduct Evidence Act of 1975" which would amend Title 14 of the D. C. Code. The bill would provide a procedure for the admission of evidence, in a court of law, with respect to the sexual conduct of witnesses. It would ban disclosures of a witness' prior sexual conduct in the presence of a jury unless the judge determined, in an in camera hearing, that such evidence is relevant to the case at hand.

Although applicable in either civil or criminal proceedings, the intent of the bill is to focus on evidentiary disclosures of prior sexual conduct in sexual assault cases namely rape. In too many instances, the previous sexual activities of a witness are paraded before the judge and jury in cases where it does not further the cause of justice. The prevailing attitude that "the trial is the rape" for many sexual assault victims is a major reason why many rapes go unreported. The "Prior Sexual Conduct Evidence Act of 1975 would improve Court treatment of a rape victim by:

1. Screening out the introduction of irrelevant evidence concerning the person's previous sexual conduct which could unfairly prejudice a jury.

2. Eliminating further degradation and humiliation on the part of a rape victim by limiting the discussion of the person's previous sexual conduct in a public trial

The "Prior Sexual Conduct Evidence Act of 1975" is only a first step toward a more comprehensive revision of the present antiquated District of Columbia statutes which pertain to sexual assault. The Home Rule Charter precludes the City Council from enacting any legislation with respect to the District's Criminal Code (Title 22) for the first two years of its existence. The bill should be looked upon as an interim measure to provide some protection for sexual assault victims in court until such time that the issue of rape and sexual assault can be dealt with comprehensively and the D. C. Criminal Code can be amended.

December 2, 1975

Council of the District of Columbia
News Release

City Hall, 14th and E Streets, N.W. Fifth Floor 638-2223 or Government Code 137-3806

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE December 1, 1975

HOBSON TO INTRODUCE PRIOR SEXUAL CONDUCT EVIDENCE ACT OF 1975

Councilmember Julius W. Hobson (Statehood at Large) will introduce legislation which would amend Title 14 of the D.C. Code at the Council's legislative session on December 2. The "Prior Sexual Conduct Evidence Act of 1975" would provide a procedure for the admission of evidence, in a court of law, with respect to the sexual conduct of witnesses. This bill would ban disclosure of a witness' prior sexual conduct in the presence of a jury unless the judge determined, in an in camera hearing, that such evidence is pertinent to the case at hand.

Although applicable in either civil or criminal proceedings, the intent of the bill is to focus on evidentiary disclosures of prior sexual conduct in sexual assault cases namely rape. In too many instances, the previous sexual activities of a witness are paraded before the judge and jury in cases where it does not further the cause of justice. The prevailing attitude that "the trial is the rape" for many sexual assault victims is a major reason why many rapes go unreported. In D.C. alone it is estimated that the actual number of rapes could be as high as nine times greater than the number of rapes reported to the police and hospitals. Hobson stated, the Prior Sexual Conduct Evidence Act of 1975 would improve Court treatment of a rape victim by:

1. Screening out the introduction of irrelevant evidence concerning the person's previous sexual conduct which could unfairly prejudice a jury.

2. Eliminating further degredation and humiliation on the part of a rape victim by limiting the discussion of that person's previous sexual conduct in a public trial.

"The Prior Sexual Conduct Evidence Act of 1975 is only a first step toward a more comprehensive revision of the present antiquated District of Columbia statutes which pertain to sexual assault." Hobson explained. "The Home Rule Charter precludes the City Council from enacting any legislation with respect to the District of Columbia's Criminal Code (Title 22) for the first two years of its existence. The prior Sexual Conduct Evidence Act of 1975 should be looked upon as an interim measure to provide some protection for sexual assault victims in court until such time that the issue of rape and sexual assault can be dealt with comprehensively and the D.C. Criminal Code can be amended."

For further information contact: Misty Scott or Sandy Brown
638-2223, ext. 72 or 73

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